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Applicant has carefully considered the Final Office Action of August 25, 2005 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments:

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 5-7 and 22-24 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant herein amends claims 1 and 18 to include the subject matter of allowable claims 5 and 22. Claims 5 and 22 are canceled as redundant. Claims 6, 15, 23, and 32 are amended to correct antecedent basis issues. No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 14, 16-18, 21, 29, 31, 33, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakata. Applicant respectfully traverses.

In light of the amendments to claims 1 and 18 to take the allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 22, this rejection is moot. Applicant requests withdrawal of the § 102(e) rejection of claims 1, 14, 16-18, 21, 29, 31, 33, and 34 at this time.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-19, 21, and 25-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Ljubicich or Vasa in view of Sakata. Applicant respectfully traverses.

In light of the amendments to claims 1 and 18 to take the allowable subject matter of claims 5 and 22, this rejection is moot. Applicant requests withdrawal of the § 103 rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 8-19, 21, and 25-34 at this time.

Applicant earnestly solicits claim allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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